

Free Press.
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1889.
HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASSENGER ARRIVAL:
I. M. C. N.
MAIL.
MAIL.
Going North: 8:02 A. M. and 5:05 P. M.
Going South: 9:50 A. M. and 8:45 P. M.

Two Copies for \$3.50.
Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement to do so, we offer two copies of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

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Carload of fresh flour at Hardy & Co.'s.
Goods cheap at McAllister's Cash Store.
Canned Goods a specialty at McAllister's.
Peach, Apricot and Fig Preserves. A. C. WILLS.

Geo. W. Knight, Watchmaker and Jeweler, east side Plaza, San Marcos.
Mince Meat and Apple Butter. A. C. WILLS.

BRAN! BRAN!
At J. J. Barbo's in a few days.

WARRANT DEEDS and Blank Mortgages for sale at this office.

Steele & Joyce handle the celebrated Lion Roasted Coffee.

Buckwheat Flour in barrel. Oatmeal in barrel. A. C. WILLS.

One hundred cases of canned goods which will be sold cheap for cash by Wm. GIZEN.

Steele & Joyce are constantly increasing their stock of groceries. New lot of flour, sugar, coffee, lard and all staples just in.

ONION SETS:—Three varieties, at RAYMOND & DANIEL'S.

J. B. Steele has engaged the services of Mr. Kerpich, late of Kyle, an experienced practical tinner.

At Steele & Joyce's you will find the nicest line of Canned Fruits, Pickles, Jellies etc., in the town.

Fresh Canned GARDEN SEEDS at 2 1/2 cents per pound, or last year's at 1 1/2 cents. Also seed in bulk at BEALL'S DRUG STORE.

Single copies of the Free Press are on sale at the San Marcos Bookstore, as well as at the office, at 5 cents each.

A Rare Chance.
The Mosher place for rent. Apply to T. C. JOHNSON.

Call for Landreth's Catalogue and give us your orders for the "old reliable" Landreth's Seed. RAYMOND & DANIEL.

Thomas Taylor is in receipt of a carload of Golden Wedding Flour, Garden Seeds, Onion Sets, Sweet Potatoes. A full line of fresh groceries at all kinds.

I am agent for the famous Moline Plow, wood and steel beam. Also Brown's Double Shovel the best in the market. J. E. MONROE.

Carload of White Swan Flour just in and will be sold at lowest figures for cash. Best Rio Coffee five pounds for one dollar and 50 cents. W. F. CORVINO.

JUST RECEIVED:—LANDRETH'S FRESH AND GENUINE GARDEN SEEDS. RAYMOND & DANIEL.

For Sale Cheap.
Two lots and a good house and cistern in a good location in San Marcos. Apply at this office.

Beans and Peas, best varieties, selected with a view to their adaptability to this soil and climate. In bulk, and consequently cheaper than paper seed, at RAYMOND & DANIEL'S.

THE CELEBRATED La Belle Wagon.
I am agent for this wagon and in receipt of a carload of them which I offer at low prices and on good terms. W. GIZEN.

The boarding house and restaurant of Mrs. Taylor is one of the most popular establishments of the kind to be found anywhere. She understands her business thoroughly. There is no discount on the fare, while low rates are very reasonable.

GARDEN SEED GIVEN AWAY!
To large purchasers we will give some last year's seed which will be found as good as new, but which we do not sell. RAYMOND & DANIEL.

For Sale.
The dwelling owned and occupied by Mrs. Briggs. This handsome property can be bought for much less than cost—also for sale on Cunningham street. Landreth's Seed is a specialty. Call at house.

WEIR WALKER AVERY.
CORN PLANTERS.
All guaranteed by Chas. Hutchings.

Also the "Allen" Corn Planter to attach to turning or other plows.

Garden Seed Sold.
The editor misquotes my last year's Garden Seed at 1 1/2 cents. Should have been 1 cent. I will sell all that I have left at 1 cent. Do not sell old seeds for fresh. J. A. BEALL.

Now is the time to look after your breaking plows and I wish to inform my friends and customers that I am still agent for the old, reliable "Cassidy or Oliver Childs Bulky Plows" which has no superior. I also represent the John Deere and Eagle Plows and Standard Cultivator. This justly celebrated cultivator is materially improved this season.

Be sure to give me a call when in need of agricultural implements. Wm. GIZEN.

The blood is the source of health. Keep it pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is peculiar in its curative power.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

County court opened on Monday.

See card of Griffin & Hall, practical workmen in tin, copper etc., try them.

See new advertisement and schedule of the I. & G. N. R. R.

There was a change of time on the I. & G. N. on Tuesday.

You will find no dead advertisements or business notices in the Free Press.

Sunday morning was the coldest of the season—ice about half inch thick.

Let us establish "arbor day" in San Marcos and celebrate it annually. Now is the time to begin.

With its Society and Coronal notes the Free Press must take the lead as a society paper as it has long done in other respects.

When you want printing done go to a printer, when you want to make a fool of yourself—go to the insane asylum for a few days and recuperate.

See our Clubbing list. We are almost daily making people happy through their acceptance of some of our liberal clubbing offers.

Look to your names and dates on the margin of your paper. If you are behind, we exhort you one and all to "come up higher," even into "the nineties."

We notice the Boston Quintette Club is to be here again on February 22d. That is a "Boston notion" which met with especial favor at its former advent here about a year ago. The "mash" appears to have been mutual.

"Sweet Sixteen" who serves our readers with "Society Notes," will continue her favors. Of course she will capture all hearts, for who could resist "Sweet Sixteen," especially when she writes so gracefully and well?

The Victoria Advocate about sizes up things. It says: "A town distinguished by liberally advertising its business enterprises is always a prosperous and pushing place, and there is money to be made there. Find us a dead, listless and inert town, and we will show you one whose merchants do not believe in advertising."

We announced in our last that Mrs. Mary W. Manlove was about to go into business as an insurance agent. We learn she is now ready for business. Among the companies she represents is the Lancashire, of England, the Northern and the St. Paul companies. The net fire surplus of the Lancashire is \$902,783.72; cash assets, \$1,509,362.35.

Mrs. Manlove's office for the present will be at her residence. She will not be absent from the city, and will give any business entrusted to her her best attention. She respectfully solicits a share of public patronage.

Coronal Institute Headquarters.
On the south side, is the place to call and settle your tuition accounts. jan10

PERSONAL.

Peter Seuberth is rusticiating in Mexico, Gen. Shelby was in the city on Tuesday.

Banker Burleson, of Lockhart, was in the city on yesterday.

Since the first of the year, Mr. Woodall has been of the firm of Hardy & Co.

Mr. A. Crocker, of Llano, is visiting relatives at this place.

Maj. Moon was in town again the first of the week.

Judge Fisher is happy. Its not twins, but a "bouncing" Remington type-writer.

Thomas H. Glover is the proud proprietor of the finest "half-headed" (hammerless) shot gun in west Texas.

Mr. Fritz Durbert, formerly with Gieson was in town on Tuesday, accompanied by his wife. His home is New Braunfels.

Mr. Green, the fruit and vegetable vendor, has been selling lettuce, radishes, and other spring products freshly gathered from Hofheinz's garden.

Our townsman, Mr. Ownby, has only recently recovered from a severe attack of illness, the result of an old gunshot wound received during the "late unpleasantness."

We are glad to learn that it is not our young ministerial friend J. E. Stovall who went into the Georgetown combination against San Marcos, but another party, entirely.

We saw something at once novel and beautiful the other day at Glover's Bank. It was a twig from a California orange tree, having no less than seven large and perfect oranges on it. They were a present from Mr. L. W. Mitchell, of Los Angeles.

Mr. Rector, from off the Brazos, an old friend of Mr. Woodall, "called by" to see him, and was so much pleased with his town that he has already purchased a house for himself and wife. We learn he has bought the Allen Jones property—price, \$1,400.

We acknowledge the compliment of an invitation from Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Brackemide to the marriage of their sister, Miss Lady Lyons. She marries Mr. Scott White at Austin today, at the first Presbyterian church. Miss Lyons will go down here, and many good wishes will go up from San Marcos for her happiness in the new relation she has assumed.

Rev. D. A. Porter made us a friendly call on Tuesday. He said he has enough corn and hay to last him two years. Meantime he will devote himself to fine stockraising. He paid \$150, for a pair of Essex pigs, and will add the growing of improved swine to his Jersey cattle business which he has made so successful and remunerative.

Brother Armstrong, of the anticipated Georgetown Chautauqua, was in the city on Tuesday. We learn he reports a "soft thing," up there—an unconditional donation of 200 acres of land near the city with the proviso that it will be a good thing for the people if not for Georgetown. The "first fruits" were satisfactory down this way as manifested in the payment of sundry old scores. "Success to trade."

C. T. Bass, Druggist.

Final Notice.
Taxes now past due must be paid on or before Friday, February 1st, 1889, or otherwise expenses will be incurred.

We copy the above, free of charge. We believe in giving the fullest notice to taxpayers. They have not always had it in this county.—Free Press.

One More Opportunity to Hear Good Music.
G. A. Franklin has again procured the famous Boston Quintette Club for one of their incomparable concerts to be given in San Marcos, February 22d at the Court house. They are procured at great expense, as a usual thing only visiting the large towns. Don't miss this rare treat. Reserved seats tickets now on sale at Reynolds & Daniel's drug store. Secure a good seat by buying early.

Dissolution of Partnership.
The partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Brown, Lindsey & Evans, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The business will be hereafter conducted by Brown and Evans, who will pay all outstanding claims and receive all monies due said firm.
San Marcos, January 26th, 1889.

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We clip the above from our neighbor of the Times.

Past and Present.

We find that our statement last week that we had had other winters similar to the present, questioned by some of our citizens. It is odd how people forget on the subject of the weather—even from one year to another. Now we find by reference to the files of the Free Press, that the winter of 1874-5 was very similar to the present.

We had not so much rain in November, but December, which this winter was nearly all quite delightful, was very rainy and muddy the winter referred to, and it so continued through and beyond the Christmas holidays. It rained nearly every day, though we think not so hard as it has this winter. The mud, as we recollect was just as bad, and there was a great deal more trouble from high waters. Our impression was, as stated in our last, that we had no mail during said winter for about a month. From a rather hasty reference to our files we seem to have been mistaken in this, though not so very badly, for on one occasion it is recorded that there was no mail from Sunday to Friday, and in the Free Press of January 2, 1875, we find this item:

The biggest sensation of the season was when recently, after a week's failure of stages and mails, four stages arrived at once from their "camp ground" beyond the "booming" Blanco, and the accumulated mail matter was by degrees distributed.

So there were nearly two week's stoppages of stages and mails besides numerous shorter ones.

As to the mildness, or rather, absence of winter, we find that the present winter is fairly beaten by some others we have had. We clip the following item from the Free Press of January 2, 1875:

Mrs. Wm. Barbee, the wife, favored us with a bouquet of pink, peach blossoms, etc., just gathered.

But the winter of 1875-6 fairly carried off the palm. Witness the following from the Free Press of January 29th:

There has not been frost sufficient this winter to injure any but the most tender vegetables. "Garden truck" generally has not been affected at all. Mr. Fry informs us that he has his third crop of Irish potatoes. Rev. Mr. Joyce, we learn is luxuriating on green English peas. Grass is abundant, corn in silk in places, and we have seen some ripe apples of the second crop, grown in Fayette county. Prof. Tice is dumbfounded.

Our unbelieving friends will perceive from the above that we were substantially correct in what we said last week, and that the weather, like history, repeats itself.

ADDITIONAL NOTES.

The well-remembered debate between Kendrick and Lane transpired at the Christian church at the height of the rainy and muddy period in 1874-5.

Hydrophobia, in winter has been thought to be rare, yet we notice in looking over our files for 1874-5 that it was reported prevalent then as now. In the Free Press of January 16th it is stated that a child of Mr. Martin, on Onion creek, had died of it.

Coronal Notes.

"Better late than never."
I will try to give the readers a few dots from "Coronal."

Everybody is busy.
Examinations are all the go—something most all scholars dislike.

Miss Smith's art class seems to be making quite a progress.

We were honored by the presence of Mr. Claude Ivey last Monday morning at the opening exercises.

Why are the boys wiping their eyes with the corner of their handkerchiefs? Is it because it has been reported that Miss Abbie King has ceased to appear at school? I fear it is true. If so, we have lost one of the brightest seniors.

We noticed that Prof. Spillman was giving the boys a military drill on last Tuesday evening.

The attendance at school has been very good, considering the bad weather.

The Spanish and also the German class under the supervision of Mrs. O'Connor is doing splendidly and there will be some high old talking in the modern languages before long.

Rev. Mr. Biggs and Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Kyle visited our school on Monday. Glad to see visitors at all times.

I hope to have something of more interest next week. Yours respectfully, A. SCHOLAR.

A Romantic Wedding.
On Tuesday morning there was a wedding of parties who met for the first time. The names of the contracting parties were Mr. I. Z. Parr, an elderly widower, and Mrs. Williams, a widow considerably more youthful, of Fort Worth. Through a mutual friend they had been put in correspondence, and he met her by appointment as stated. The interview must have been satisfactory, for the gentleman soon went in search of a minister. Failing to find Mr. Scott, Mr. Armstrong officiated. The wedding took place at Mrs. Souter's and the pair went on their way rejoicing.

We would again invite attention to the advertisement entitled "20 Good Books Free." It is a grand offer to new or renewing subscribers, and comes from a reliable source. Send all orders to the Free Press.

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Society Notes.

We are at a loss to record any item of interest for the "Genius of the Weather" has set in mournful meditation on the threshold for days past and the only notes worthy of observation have been the study of the clouds, and really have looked at them so earnestly, until we have been accused of "holding a very high head."

Despite the flood and mud, "on with the dance" seems to be the watchword with the young people and the devotees of Torpedos have marshaled their forces to an alarming extent.

Look to your hearts, fair ladies, encase them in armor of cast iron, that you may not become melancholy victims of an Apollo, just arrived in town. His name is not Dennis, but Denny.

Just read! The ladies of the Episcopal church have commenced a series of sociables given at the houses of the members, the object being to bring-together the gentlemen and ladies of our little town and to cultivate a love for the good and beautiful. The wedding bells must all be feeling the weather, not a sound have we heard for weeks now, is it the lack of material? Being a debutante we cannot give an opinion.

And so we have a lady insurance agent! Hurrah for San Marcos! And as she is a widow of course she will succeed.

Miss May Book and Lilly McBride still hold the sceptre of beauty and grace. One is extremely fond of "Tom Moore" while the other is homeward bound, not "Woodward."

We had the pleasure of calling on Mrs. Scott, the wife of our new minister. She is a rare jewel and may San Marcos never go "Scott free."

We were sorry to hear that our little society pet, Annie Haymes has been ill, but glad she is again dispensing her sweet smiles.

Our charming friend, Mrs. Duncan, formerly Miss Sallie Green, is visiting her father, Mr. Ed. J. L. Green. We welcome her to the scenes of her childhood.

Martindale.

As it has been some time since I have read any letters from our quiet, but energetic little town, I will endeavor to write a few dots.

Our town is rapidly increasing. Since Christmas it has an addition of two stores and one dwelling, and workmen are doing their best to erect Mr. Rufus Ellison's new dwelling, which they will complete in a short time.

There has been such an immense amount of rain the past month that it broke into our school and thinned it down very slim, but it is increasing now, and all will be straight again soon.

Nothing more at present. Dock.

ANOTHER LETTER.

Most of the inhabitants of our primitive little village have been possessed with a moving mania. Mr. J. W. Petty sold his residence to Mr. Crockett and has gone to his farm on Cottonwood. Mr. Will Crunk purchased Mr. Crockett's former house and removed.

Mr. F. Wright and lady (recently married), have gone to housekeeping at the Hill place.

Mr. Cook now occupies the upper rooms and Mr. H. McClintic the lower rooms of the McCullough house. The latter is in the grocery business.

Mr. Kinsburgh sold his home to a colored party and removed to the upper portion of the Porch house. Mr. J. Emery occupies the lower rooms.

Mr. John Martindale has built a house on one of his lots. Mr. J. Tardy removed to it.

Mr. Rufus Ellison is having a neat cottage erected and will remove to it soon.

Mr. M. Stuart has rented a house from Stone & Ellison.

Several colored parties have purchased homes here.

Mr. Harter occupies one of the Chenoweth houses.

Mr. J. Petty purchased a house from Mr. Chenoweth and has stocked it with goods. He was formerly a partner of Mr. G. Martindale.

A new firm has been established here, "Crunk & Co."

Our school, taught by Prof. Dye and Mrs. S. Roberts, is progressing nicely.

Mr. Robt. Martindale has been quite sick but is slowly convalescing. Mr. Tardy's babe has been ill with pneumonia. Mr. Danervan is quite sick with the same disease. He and Mr. M. Stuart have recently returned from a visit to relations in Mississippi.

Miss L. Martin, of Driftwood, has been visiting friends here.

Mr. Robert Martindale has lately returned from a lengthy stay in San Antonio, where he has been under the treatment of Dr. F. Hoff, Mr. and Mrs. Compton, Mrs. J. Fuller and Mr. J. Emery have just returned from San Antonio, the three last went to consult Dr. Hoff.

The not very credulous are inclined to be skeptical as regards the marvelous happenings in bygone days as related by the "oldest inhabitant," but none would think it an exaggeration if he or she were to assert that the roads were never known to be in such miserable condition as they are at present.

It is said to have been very irregular, more so, most of us think, than was really necessary, and the question has been whether it was better to endure the ills of cold, or attempt to haul wood over roads where empty wagons would bog. But those who were fortunate enough to have a good supply generously divided with those that were short, so we did not suffer.

We hope Representative Ellison will not forget the letters to the Free Press. Some of us are indebted to him for the reports of 1888 of the different departments of state.

If anything transpires in the village worth relating we may write again (provided this is accepted). OCCASIONALLY.

Farmers' Alliance.

List of Appointments of T. H. Evans, Lecturer.

A lecture will be delivered by Bro. T. H. Evans at the following places, as specified below:

Monday, February 4, Bush, at 2 p. m.
Tuesday, February 5, Kyle, at 10 a. m.
Tuesday, February 5, San Marcos, at 7 p. m.
Wednesday, February 6, Oyster Creek, at 10 a. m.
Thursday, February 7, Wimberly, at 2 p. m.
Friday, February 8, Driftwood, at 3 p. m.
Saturday, February 9, Dripping Springs, at 2 p. m.

Sec'y Hays County Farmers' Alliance.

Free to our Subscribers.

We will give a copy of Kendall's valuable little work, "The Horse and his Diseases," to every subscriber, new or old, who will remind us that he desires it. To others it will be for sale at 25 cents per copy.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Since our last report January 3rd.

Wm. L. Nance and Mrs. Julia Mitchell, to O. J. Parks, 70 acres August Rees survey, 32 acres O. A. Lacombe survey, 60 acres Pader Survey, 80 acres August Rees survey, 640 acres Murray Bailey survey, 160 acres Wm. Allen survey, 70 acres Miles P. Elkins survey, 120 acres J. T. Brown survey, No. 31, 25 acres J. F. Brown survey, No. 45, 640 acres Georgeanna Irrigation company certificate No. 4, 640 acres same No. 5, 640 acres Henderson and Overton R. R. certificate.

cate No. 149, 160 acres D. E. Arnold survey, 160 acres Thomas P. Chase survey No. 23, for \$3,475.

M. C. R. P. and Mary T. Motheral, and T. H. and A. T. Wagner to J. B. Motheral 43 acres of Thos. G. McGehee headright league, \$800.

C. L. Lightfoot and wife to H. Hellman, 198 acres Robert Carson survey, \$1 and other consideration.

Same to same, 11-10th acres, same consideration.

J. Preston Phillips to Wm. Greenwood, 214 acres, \$1200.

C. L. Lightfoot and wife to J. W. Odell, two acres on Plum creek, 25.

J. W. Odell and wife to A. E. Wansan, 135 acres on Plum creek, \$5000.

H. H. Stanley and wife to James H. Ferguson the Alexander McKown survey No. 435, and 15 acres part of T. G. Allen survey, and Addie Burnett subdivision, \$4,500.

Sarah and Scott Miller to Martha Lawshe 30 acres out of the Geo. Sullalaugh survey, \$300.

C. B. Wandellhor, guardian of the minor heirs of J. H. Cheatham to Hammett Hardy, lot No. 1, Hopkins addition to San Marcos, \$500.

Mrs. Sue B. Cheatham to same, interest in same property, \$1,400.

Wm. L. Stevenson and wife to John V. Stevenson, 67 acres of the Thos. G. Allen survey and 64 acres of the M. M. Justice survey No. 12, \$1,500.

J. W. Hagan and wife to J. B. Jackson, 102 acres on Barton's creek, \$700.

Chas. L. Cleveland to Peter Roowitiz, 107 acres of Eleanor H. Russell league and labor, \$106.

C. L. McGehee and wife to S. H. Park, lot 4, block 6, Lindsey and Harvey addition to San Marcos, \$175.

Wm. J. Adams and wife to M. J. Odum and N. J. Rogers, 100 acres Freebody Woody headright on Onion Creek, \$700.

Robt. Harleson and Neal Norwood and wife to W. O. Hutchison, 175 acres Elijah Clark survey, \$1,507.

T. H. Blackwell to Mary F. Blackwell, 175 acres G. G. Blackwell survey No. 2, \$300.

D. E. and Mrs. A. M. Moore, to W. W. Peavy, west half of block 3 Moore's addition to Kyle, \$100.

Same to Wm. Harrol, west half of lot No. 2, Moore's addition to Kyle, \$100.

J. P. Sorrells and wife to O. S. Sorrells, 102 acres B. F. Hanna league, \$1,350.

O. G. Demott and wife to Z. T. Wimberly 279 acres, part of Wiley Hughes survey No. 41, \$1,700.

F. Wimberly and wife to Z. T. Wimberly, 18 acres Amasa Turner survey, \$1.

W. W. Moon to M. V. Cheatham, farm lots on river adjoining town of San Marcos \$1,500.

R. J. Sledge and wife to J. Gordon Brown a third tenth undivided interest in the Peon Spring farm and ranch, \$18,000.

D. A. Barbee and wife to Miss Lizzie Bar